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Welcome to the second match at which we are delighted to have fans in attendance.

The first game, a fortnight ago against Widnes, didn't go well on the pitch, but off it, the club was very appreciative of the co-operation we got from fans. That helped things to go smoothly.

We have learned a lot from that first experience and we hope things will be even smoother today.

Again, please bear with us - this is new territory for us all and everything the club does is designed to make sure you are safe.

We entertain a Sheffield team which had a great start to the season but has had injuries recently and, like us, will be looking to get back on track.

They are an established Championship side which has had its fair share of success over recent years so it will be another tough test. Having said that, every week provides a tough test in the Championship and today we need to step up, meet that challenge and hopefully get another two points.

Back to Covid and it continues to disrupt clubs

A CHAT WITH THE CHAIRMAN

CHRIS HAMILTON

and people. For our part, we lost Matt Diskin for ten days after he had to isolate and earlier in the season, we had players missing because of it.

This week we lost Louis Senior back to Huddersfield Giants when several of their players tested positive. It is sometimes hard to make players understand why we have to follow all the protocols, but we get lots of examples of why we need to do it.

As society in general has started to come out of lockdown, players are still required to be tested regularly, to send in daily well-being forms and to behave at training and at other times in ways that are completely alien to them. That's hard, really hard.

As a club, we strive to keep things together and hope that we will soon come out on the other side of this pandemic.

Several people have asked me about our scheduled trip to Toulouse on July 3. Our game over there is Toulouse's next home game after the visit of Bradford Bulls, which has just been cancelled -- as opposed to postponed -- which means the game will not be played, not even at a later date.

There are additional problems with Toulouse, who are subject to a different government's rules, which currently prevent part-time players from playing there due to the isolation period required on return.

As France is still on the Amber list of countries, we will not know for more than another week if the game on July 3 will take place. It depends on France being put on the list of Green countries when the British government does its next update. Even if the match goes ahead, we will be in and out of France on the same day, on a chartered plane. Interesting times for sure !

Back to today and it is up to us, with your support, to make home advantage count and to hopefully give you more to shout about than last time.

As ever, you got right behind the lads, and that support is much appreciated. Please keep it up today.

Enjoy the game.

***Christopher Hamilton
Chairman***

DISKIN'S DIARY

A peep behind the scenes with head coach Matt Diskin

Well! What a disappointing result last time out. As a group we are letting opportunities pass us by due to continually making basic errors.

For large parts of the Widnes game we defended well. But when you concede field position through errors and poor discipline you will eventually concede points, as we did.

The next few weeks are key for our progress. For all the ability in the group, our confidence is being tested. We need to concentrate on each game individually in order to get our season rolling with some momentum.

This week's game against an established Sheffield team will be a tough task. Their recent results don't reflect the quality they have in their squad. Hopefully, we can capitalise on their poor form this weekend.

Enjoy the game!

**Kind regards,
Matt Diskin**

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YOUR CAPTAIN CALLING

Gareth Owen on the ball

Our performance against Widnes Vikings in our last game was, on reflection, bitterly disappointing.

Finally in front of our fans, here was an opportunity to put on a show and, frankly, we failed to grasp that opportunity.

Our start to the game really let us down. We knew we had to go set for set with the Vikings, but we didn't do it and that put us on the back foot right from the start.

Our early disallowed try, when Chewy's cleverly-delayed pass got the supporting Dan Abram over the Widnes line, was a tough call to take.

It's often been said that rugby league is a game of inches and, while we generally played poorly, as I have already said, there is no telling what difference it might have made, if any, if the try had been given instead of being disallowed for obstruction with a penalty going to the Vikings.

From that point onwards we couldn't get a foothold in the game. On the other hand, their big-game players stepped up to the mark and took control.

A first-class kicking game gave them a lot of good field position and, in good-ball situations, they took their chances, something we didn't do.

To be fair, it wasn't all bad. In patches we fronted up to them and we matched them physically, but those patches didn't last long enough to put us in a position to win the game.

We need to play a whole lot better today if we are to pick up points against Sheffield Eagles in this our latest home game and another Bower Fold opportunity to put on a show in front of our supporters.

This time we must make sure we grasp that opportunity and give you all something to shout about,

Thanks for all your backing,

Gareth

Player Focus

Kyran Johnson



Q: What do you do for your day job?

A: I'm a night-shift manager at a One-Stop Stores warehouse in Normanton. It has 900 shops and is linked with Tesco. I have a wide range of duties and roles, ranging from operative to manager.

Q: What was the worst thing you did at school?

A: I was a little tearaway at primary, spending more time on the teacher's desk doing my work rather than playing out.

Q: What would you buy first if you won the lottery?

A: A bigger house and if there was anything left, I'd build a bar and pay off the holidays I've booked. Though I say it myself, I like to think I'm sensible with money.

Q: Which sports star do you most admire, and why?

A: Rob Burrow, because of his determination to fight adversity. And he's still putting others before himself.

Q: What's your biggest professional achievement in rugby?

A: Winning promotion to the Championship with Oldham in 2019.

Q: And your biggest disappointment?

A: I've not had many disappointments, but I broke my jaw in 2019 and missed 13 games. That was pretty tough.

Q: How would your team mates describe you?

A: Quiet and always tired from the night shift, but they often call me "Top Two".

Q: Outside rugby and your full-time job, what do you do most?

A: Competitive darts in a local pub league. I've loved darts since I was a boy. My partner Chloe loves the atmosphere. I go as often as I can. I'm also a big adrenaline junkie and I travel to theme parks all over the UK. I have annual passes for many of them.

Q: What's best about being in the Oldham squad?

A: How close we are as a group. We always have each other's backs and it's been like that in my four years at the club.

Q: What would be your dream role in life?

A: That's a tricky one. I'm laid back and generally take things in my stride. Quite versatile too, I would say.





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Past players | Damian Munro

THOSE WERE THE DAYS

No 9: DAMIAN MUNRO, son of former Oldham winger, **GEOFF MUNRO**, who scored 84 tries in 195 appearances between 1971 and 1985. Damian followed in Dad's footsteps; toured New Zealand with Great Britain Academy in 1996; played for several clubs, including Oldham, Leigh and Widnes; and at Oldham twice scored hat-tricks, against Hull KR and Barrow in 2005.

He ran in 14 tries in 20 games for Roughyeds that year, second only to Gavin Dodd, who amassed 17 tries in 29 games.

Q: When were you at Oldham RLFC and where are you now?

A: I played for the academy in the 1992/93 season and I came back in the 2005 season. I retired in 2010 and I'm now coaching Leigh Miners under-12s.

Q: What was your most memorable game for Oldham, and why?

A: Hull KR at Boundary Park. We won convincingly and I scored a hat-trick.

Q: Which sports star do you most admire, and why?

A: It used to be Martin Offiah, but now it's Mo'Faraah because of his achievements, but also because he's so grounded as a family man.

Q: What would you consider to be your biggest professional achievement?

A: Gaining promotion with Widnes in 2001, although I'm not sure I should mention that! Also, touring New Zealand with Great Britain academy in 1996.



Where it all began, Oldham juniors. That's me on the back-row, extreme right. Can you also spot Paul Highton and Ian Sinfield?



Damian's family, happy smiling faces. The Munro boys always were good for a laugh. Left to right: James, Hayden, Damian's partner Kimberley and Ben.

Q: And your biggest disappointment?

A: Not believing in myself more, especially when I had opportunities in Super League

Q: How would your Oldham team mates have described you?

A: Funny and good looking . . . or was it funny looking ? Can't remember !

Q: What did you like most about being in the Oldham squad?

A: Great lads, great colleagues. I travelled with a few from Wigan and Leigh. It was also good to play for my home town. Every lad wants to do that. Gary Mercer was a good coach, too.

Q: What prompted your decision to leave Oldham?

A: A few lads left at the end of the 2005 season and I had an offer to go back to Leigh which fitted in with work commitments.

Q: What is your current day job?

A: Employed by Wigan Council, I support teenaged victims of domestic abuse.

Q: What would be your dream role in life?

A: Good question. A sports mentor to young people, helping to steer them in the right direction.



Scoring against Hull KR in 2005



Oldham academy. I'm on the back row, third from right.

DAMIAN MUNRO

MENTION the word Munro to older Oldham rugby league fans and thoughts will turn to Watersheddings and to a winger named Geoff, who scored 84 tries in 193 senior games for his hometown club which he served loyally for nearly 15 years.

He first wore Oldham's red and white as a boy in the old 'B' team, working his way through the ranks until he became a household name at Watersheddings thanks to his scoring exploits up the touchline.

His best season was 1979-80 when he not only scored a hat-trick of hat-tricks but finished with a total of 29 tries in the season -- the best haul by any player in the second division and only one behind the two were joint top in the first division, Keith Fielding of Salford and Steve Hubbard of Hull KR.

With a record like that it isn't surprising, perhaps, that son Damian should be a chip off the old block: significantly taller than dad, not as stocky but with the same thirst for tries and with a similar knack of getting to the line and planting the ball down to chalk up another try.

Like dad, Damian of the Roughyeds also pulled an Oldham jersey over his head for the first time while still little more than a boy.

Back then, some 12 years ago, he was tall, lean, lanky and he could, as they used to say of many rugby league wingers, catch pigeons.

He played on the wing as a 16-year-old amateur in the Oldham academy side and showed immense potential as a kid who could really fly.

Unlike dad, however, his first professional engagement was not with Oldham, but with Halifax, who were very active at that time in the Oldham area and who took on as young professionals several Oldham boys, among them Damian Munro, Mick Martindale and George Slicker.

Damian was to spend five years at Thrum Hall, during which time he worked his way through the system and into the first team to lay down the foundations of a career which ultimately took him to Widnes, Leigh and finally back to the town where it all began -- Oldham.

He joined Widnes in May, 1998 and he was there on the banks of the Mersey until 2002, during which time he

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Player Profile

DAMIAN MUNRO

“Munro, like his dad before him, wins a lot more try-scoring battles than he loses”



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played for the Vikings in their 2001 Northern Ford Premiership Grand Final victory over Oldham at Spotland.

More than a few Roughyeds hearts were broken that day, but Munro was on the victorious side which, under the stewardship of Neil Kelly, moved onwards and upwards into Super League.

Next stop for Damian was Leigh and he was there for three seasons, during which time he made a name for himself as one of the most prolific try scorers in the game, certainly in the first division.

He rattled in for 42 tries in a spell of 46 games for the Centurions -- 32 of them in the 2003 season when he made something of a habit of plucking interceptions out of the air and going the full length of the field to score.

"I think I must have had about a dozen interception tries," he recalls.

"The way we defended at Leigh encouraged opponents to throw passes over the top and a lot of wide balls were just asking to be intercepted."

Despite all those Munro tries, Leigh were beaten in the grand final by Salford and they had to wait another year before they conquered Whitehaven in the final to earn their place in the top flight.

Many of the players who got them there were to be overlooked when Leigh started the process of offering full-time Super League contracts and, like many of his team mates, Damian had to look elsewhere to further his part time rugby league career.

Alan Rowley, who acted on behalf of many of the Leigh players, faxed all the National League clubs with Damian's CV and Oldham were the first to reply.

Said Damian: "Even before the reply came back, my heart told me Oldham would be the right club to join. I had always had a soft spot for the Roughyeds, as an Oldham lad, and as I was also to embark on a new career outside rugby it suited me to be relatively near to my home and job.

"Barrow offered me a good contract to go up there, but I didn't fancy all the travelling and getting home at ten or eleven o'clock at night after training two or three nights a week.

"I live near Leigh and I work at a Young Offenders' Institute attached to Hindley Prison. There are eight boys in a class

and it's my job, among other things, to help them with their literacy and numeracy.

"Oldham suited me down to the ground. I was impressed by what Chris Hamilton and Gary Mercer had to say and I must say that, even though we struggled as a new team in the Arriva Trains Cup and we have been torn apart by injuries since the start of the National League first division programme I have never once regretted my decision.

"In the long run I think the fact that we have had to endure adversity will make us stronger and I think that will be reflected in our performances and in our results.

"Injured players are starting to come back, others have come on board and the competition for places is going to keep everybody on his toes.

"We were extremely competitive, even in defeat, against Castleford and Hull KR and those performances alone showed how much progress we have made since we were struggling in the Arriva Trains Cup."

Damian insists to this day that the "try" he scored at Hull KR when chasing Chris Hough's long kick straight from the scrum was a legitimate touchdown, completed inches inside the dead ball line and by a similar margin inside the touch-in-goal line.

He looked to be chasing a lost cause, but he kept on running and the ball slowed down in the corner when it hit a sanded area.

Said Damian: "The Hull KR full-back came up to me after the game and acknowledged it should have been a try. Others who were in that corner said the same.

"I don't think a try then would have drastically altered the result, but you never know. The referee perhaps thought the ball was out because it came to rest in the sand, but the sand actually cut across the in-goal area in an arc.

"I suppose that's how it goes . . . you win some and you lose some."

Munro, like his dad before him, wins a lot more try-scoring battles than he loses.

And now he's looking forward to scoring a few more for Oldham as the Roughyeds start the long haul up the LHF Healthplan National League first division table.

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Back as temperatures soar

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MARTYN REILLY



LIAM KIRK
(RED SCRUM CAP)



DANNY LANGTREE

SHEFFIELD EAGLES

Sheffield Eagles visit Bower Fold today for the first time since the opening fixture of the 2017 Championship season. Two tries for Danny Langtree and one each for Dave Hewitt and Adam Clay laid the platform for a 26-10 Roughyeds victory.

The two sides were to meet again on two further occasions that year, the return league fixture and a Championship Shield game. Each contest took place at Wakefield's Belle Vue Stadium where The Eagles recorded two wins against Scott Naylor's injury ravaged team.

Oldham were relegated at the end of the 2017 to spend two seasons in League 1. During that time the men from South Yorkshire finished 8th out 12 teams in 2018 and then an improvement of 7th in the following year.

League placings almost fall into insignificance during 2019 as Mark Aston and his team reached the final of the inaugural 1895 Cup competition. Played at Wembley Stadium in August, the Eagles faced Widnes Vikings on the same day as the Rugby League Challenge Cup final. A hat-trick of tries from Oldham born Aaron Brown helped Sheffield to victory at the famous venue, echoing the club's shock Challenge Cup final win against Wigan back in 1998.

2021 has seen a mixed bag of results for the Eagles as all teams returned to competitive competition following the enforced Covid shutdown. A 6-30 Round 1 Challenge Cup loss to the ambitious York City Knights must have blown off a few cobwebs as Sheffield bounced into form by hammering Bradford Bulls 50-12 in the opening round of the league season.

Revenge against York City Knights at their shiny new LNER stadium followed where tries for Anthony Thackeray and Tyler Dickinson — the former Roughyeds loan player — helped the Eagles to a 20-14 win.

Alas the win against York was the last time Sheffield have gained maximum points from a game to date. A last minute Jarrod Sammut goal earned London Broncos a draw in the Eagles game against the side from the capital but that was followed by consecutive home defeats against Batley Bulldogs (18-30) and Featherstone Rovers (18-50).

Two weeks ago Eagles were hosting Whitehaven which saw the Cumbrians cruising to victory with 20 minutes remaining. Late tries from Farrell and Thackeray created a one point ball game but as the hooter sounded, Thackeray was putting boot to ball to score a levelling drop goal and earn his side a 25-25 draw.

Things came down with a bump last time out for the Eagles. Visiting the Mbi Shay Stadium to play Halifax Panthers, the Eagles endured a day to forget as coach Aston's side lost 46-12.

That brings us to today's encounter. Two wins from eight games for each club shows that both sides have room for improvement. The two recorded draws places Sheffield two places above Oldham but both the Roughyeds and Eagles will be striving to pull away from the danger zone into the comparative safety of mid-table.

Experienced players like winger Rob Worrincy and Anthony Thackeray will pose a real threat to Matt Diskin's Oldham as both teams battle to reverse their mid-season slumps.

Three To Watch



AARON BROWN

An Oldham born back-rower who still lives in the town and is employed as a Saddleworth based postal worker away from his rugby league exploits.

Was part of Leeds Rhinos U20s squad and was named player of the year in 2012.

Signed for Dewsbury Rams before moving on to the Eagles in 2019.

Crafted his own place in Eagles history with a try-scoring hat-trick in Sheffield's 1895 cup success at Wembley in 2019 — in a team containing our own Shaun Pick.



ANTHONY THACKERAY

A vastly experienced half-back from Hull, "Thacks" is the club vice-captain and mentor to up-coming Eagles' halves.

Began at Hull FC before periods of time with Castleford, Widnes, Halifax, Dewsbury and Featherstone.

Arrived in Sheffield at the start of 2019 and was also a member of the Eagles 1985 cup-winning team.



ROB WORRINCY

Leeds born winger Worrincy is a Championship veteran and key part of the Eagles squad.

Started his pro career with London Broncos before spending time with Super League club Castleford Tigers.

In the past fifteen years the player has played primarily for Halifax and Sheffield and remains a prolific threat out wide with over 200 career tries to his name.

IN THIS WORLD CUP YEAR, WHICH PROMISES TO BE THE BEST AND BIGGEST YET, WE TEAM UP WITH OLDHAM RL HERITAGE TRUST TO BRING YOU A POTTED VERSION OF THE TOURNAMENT'S HISTORY, COURTESY OF MICHAEL TURNER, THE HERITAGE TRUST'S WELL-KNOWN HISTORIAN.

Carrying on from where we left off in the last programme, we can tell you that the 1989 to 1992 World Cup continued to use a three-year format. Like the 1985 to 1988 competition, teams played each other home and away.

Matches went strictly to form with Australia undefeated and certain to claim a place in the final by 1991. France and PNG were not competitive, leading to a straight fight between NZ and GB to see who would meet the Kangaroos in the final. It was GB.

The final at Wembley was a close game -- a real thriller in which GB led going into the last 12 minutes. Steve Renouf then scored the only try to give the Aussies a 10-6 win in front of a World Cup final record crowd of 73,631,

In 1995 there were ten teams in three groups -- four teams in one group and three teams in each of the others. The top two progressed from the group of four with one other going up from each of the other groups.

The tournament was held in the UK. Seen as a celebration of rugby league's centenary, the tournament was increased with the addition of four new teams and the break-up of GB into England and Wales.

The competition was preceded by pessimism, but fears were unfounded and the tournament was acclaimed a great success. Many early matches were one-sided, as feared, but fans flocked to see newer sides such as Fiji, Tonga and South Africa. Large crowds to watch Wales were particularly encouraging.

The final between Australia and England attracted a crowd of 66,540 to Wembley. The Aussies won to record their eighth World Cup triumph.

The 2000 World Cup was the 12th. It was held in Britain, Ireland and France. There were four groups of four. Australia beat NZ in the final to claim their sixth consecutive and their ninth overall World Cup crown. Their winger Wendell Sailor was named player of the tournament.

The tournament went back to Australia in 2008 for the first time since 1957 and New Zealand beat Australia in the final in one of the sport's biggest-ever upsets. The tournament ended a year of celebrations to commemorate the centenary of the game in the southern hemisphere.

(The World Cup story continues next time)



LEFT: Oldham prop HUGH WADDELL, who played well in a shock GB win against Australia in a qualifying round in 1988.



RIGHT: Aussie captain MAL MENINGA during the three-year 89-92 World Cup campaign.



STEVE RENOUF, the Aussie centre who broke GB hearts with a late, match-winning try at Wembley in 1992.



BRAD FITTLER, victorious Kangaroos captain in 1995.



JONATHAN DAVIES, BBC commentator, who played for GB in 1992 and Wales in 1995.



The victorious Kangaroos celebrate with the World Cup in 2000.



Oldhamer PAUL SCULTHORPE was named in the 2008 GB squad and went on to captain his country.

**AUSTRALIA WILL AGAIN
BE THE TEAM TO BEAT
LATER THIS YEAR**

Our League goes from strength to strength

The well-known Tony Rea, a 55-year-old Australian whose name will be forever linked with London Broncos and rugby league generally in the London area, was at Bower Fold when we played Widnes Vikings in order to play a leading role in the Our League coverage.

As summariser, he followed the likes of former Oldham players Darren Abram and John Fieldhouse and former Scotland coach Steve McCormack, whose father Jim was a centre for the Roughyeds way back in the 1960s.

By their post-Widnes comments on social media and fans' forums, Oldham supporters who watched on Our League clearly enjoyed Rea's clinical assessments of both teams' performances and his authoritative comments on the nuts and bolts of the game.

A Queenslander, born in Bundaberg, he played as a hooker, initially with Brothers up in the Sunshine State, then for seven seasons with North Sydney Bears in the New South Wales competition before he was recruited, along with many others from the Antipodes, by the new Australian owners of the London club.

They changed its name from London Crusaders to London Broncos, signed a load of quality Australian players and made a big thing of the Broncos brand which was then getting established in both London and Brisbane.

It was to be part of this adventure that Rea crossed the world and over the many years that followed he was to serve the club as player, head coach, chief executive and as a director on the board.

Our League is clearly going from strength to strength, not only in memberships and in viewing figures, but in the quality of its streaming and live coverage, which is attracting a new and enlarged audience to rugby league.

Fans are returning to our grounds at long last -- and not before time -- but selected matches from the Championship and League 1 will continue to be streamed live.

Organisers are highly encouraged by figures like these -- nearly 18,000 users taking in 45,796 sessions.

**TONY REA (right) in his coaching days.
Bronco blood runs through his veins.**

With more than 41,000 users since the start of May, the Our League app was also on course, at May 24, to beat the monthly record of 65,105 set in April.

At that stage total membership was approaching 190,000 -- a phenomenal effort. Fans attended last weekend's AB Sundecks semi-finals, but they were also shown to a wider audience for free on Our League.

While games were being played behind closed doors, the RFL and individual clubs made a special effort to stream all games, offering them free to home season-ticket fans and for a bargain £4.95 to everyone else if purchased before game day.

It wasn't much of a money- making exercise because home clubs had to fund the costs in the first place, but if nothing else it gave supporters an opportunity to stay in touch with their favourite club while watching at home.

There's no real substitute, though, for watching live from your favourite spot on the ground. When and whether we'll ever get back to that is a matter of some debate, but for now social-distance attendance is far better than no attendance at all -- and in some instances you'll have Our League coverage to fall back on if you can't get to the game in person.

We ask, once again, that you join Our League for free, naming Oldham as the club you support so that Roughyeds at least get some benefit from your interest. Thank-you in anticipation .



Bent, Roberts on top in a

ONLY two Roughyeds players have made the starting 13 in each of the ten cup and league games played before the Sheffield Eagles match.

Top marks for both consistency and durability go to back-row forward Liam Bent and young centre Max Roberts, who were the only ever-presenters as 'starters' in two Betfred Challenge Cup ties and then the first eight Betfred Championship games.

Over the past few years we've grown accustomed to tackling machine Bent winning the hearts and minds of supporters for putting his heart and soul into grafting, tackling and rolling up his sleeves on general defensive work.

He's an ever-present so far for a reason -- he's a players' player, who makes an art

form of stopping opponents in their tracks.

Regularly topping the squad's tackle count with more than 50 tackles in a game, he has twice carried off the supporters' player-of-the-year prize.

But what of young Max ? How well has he done to make the left-centre spot his own when stepping up from academy and reserve-grade rugby at Wigan Warriors ?

In terms of his own progress, he has obviously been helped by Cam Leeming's retirement and Ben Heaton's bad luck with injury, but that doesn't alter the fact that Roberts, from Atherton, near Leigh, has made the transition from age-group rugby to the Championship with remarkable resilience and self-belief.



**LIAM BENT . . .
10 OUT OF 10 FOR 'STARTERS'**

appearance figures

When deciding Oldham was the club for him, he talked with chairman Chris Hamilton and head coach Matt Diskin and said:

"We talked about the club, the game generally and Oldham's goals and targets for next year (2021) and beyond, and I liked what I heard.

"At Wigan I mainly played centre or second-row, but I've also had a dabble at hooker.

"I was very happy at Wigan, but in sport, as in life, there's always something else turns up.

"Oldham was definitely the best option for me and I'm really looking forward to the

new challenge of playing in a different environment."

He started as a boy at Leigh Miners, moved to Blackbrook Royals in St Helens and then fulfilled a long-standing ambition by signing for Wigan on scholarship at the age of 15.

Before naming him at left-centre in the Roughyeds' first ten games this year, team boss Diskin said: "Max is a very talented young player with a great attitude. He is itching to getting started with us and we are looking forward to working with him.

"He'll be looking for a spot in the back-row or in the centre."



Can you
name this
man?
He used
to play
for us...



No prizes for
getting it right,
but put on your
thinking caps,
and we'll give
you his name
next time.



HOW TO GET 'LINKED UP' WITH OUR WEBSITE

Now you've enjoyed our match-day online programme, why not stay in the mood for all the action at Bower Fold by following the links to the many features on our Roughyeds website.

They range from squad info, statistics, fixtures, latest news, ORSA, and league table to what we have available in the club shop.

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OUR TRY SCORERS

WINGER Tommy Brierley and second-row forward Danny Langtree are our joint top try scorers with four apiece after our first ten competitive games of the season.

We've averaged 2.5 tries per game, scored like this: Brierley 4, Langtree 4, Heaton 3, Charnock 2, Dupree 2 and one each for Bibby (loan), Croft (loan), Green, Hewitt, Ince, Nelmes, Pick, Reilly, Roberts and Senior (loan).

At the time of writing we've had four players on loan -- the three named above plus Tom Nisbet from St Helens.



OLDHAM RLFC



SHEFFIELD EAGLES



01 Dan Abram	Rugby Oldham	01 Josh Guzdek
02 Tommy Brierley	David and Val Webster	02 Rob Worrincy
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13 Martyn Reilly	Dynasty Denture Solutions	13 Aaron Brown
14 Matty Wilkinson	John & Lynda McAndrew	14 Greg Burns
15 Luke Nelves	Gareth Hughes	15 Oliver Davies
16 Tyler Dupree	Gerry Jones & Caroline Hughes	16 Robbie Ward
17 Liam Kirk	Fab-tek Installations Limited	17 Frankie Mariano
19 Matthew Fletcher	Waterhead under 13s	18 Tyler Dickinson
20 Jode Sheriffe	The Property Buying Co	19 Blake Broadbent
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24 Max Roberts	Available - Ring 07904 898177	23 Harry Tyson-Wilson
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26 James Barran	Available - Ring 07904 898177	25 Jordan Bull
27 Ben Holcroft	Available - Ring 07904 898177	26 Chris Ball
28 Joe Hartley	Available - Ring 07904 898177	27 Travis Corion
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33 Jamie Abram	Available - Ring 07904 898177	30 Max Clarke
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